

In the Beginning...

The Women's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association

The 1920's

June 12, 2022 marks the Centennial Celebration of the AMA Alliance. Our roots are firmly established in the soil of Texas. In fact, county auxiliaries and then the Texas State Auxiliary was first formed between 1917 and 1918. These ventures proved so successful that four years later, in 1922, as Mrs. Samuel Clark Red of Houston was completing her term as state president, she conceived the idea of taking the auxiliary to the national level. And so, a resolution for a national auxiliary was presented to, and approved by, the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association that met that year in St. Louis, Missouri.



- 1922: The AMA House of Delegates approves the organization of a woman's auxiliary; 24 women from 11 states attend the organizational meeting, at which Mrs. Samuel Clark Red, Texas, becomes first president.
- 1923: 60 women from 17 states attend annual meeting; dues set at \$5 per state.
- 1924: \$60 in treasury; committees are constitution, nominations, policies, education, finance, legislation, and entertainment.
- 1925: At AMA's request, Hygeia (AMA's scientific medical magazine for the public) promotion becomes a main focus; 25¢ dues adopted; national chairman of organization appointed, with four regional vice presidents as her committee; publicity committee appointed.
- 1926: Membership reaches 4,000 in 19 organized states; AMA warns against involvement in legislation; legislation committee becomes public relations.
- 1927: First Bulletin printed; membership is 6,000; first AMA Liaison Committee appointed; Mrs. John O. McReynolds, Texas, becomes first auxiliary president to speak to AMA House of Delegates.
- 1928: Mrs. McReynolds receives first past president's pin; Bulletin is discontinued due to finances; auxiliary programs now included in AMA Bulletin.
- 1929: 13,000 members in 37 states; first budget and seal are adopted; Study Program Envelopes on health topics issued to counties.

American Medical Association Alliance

100 Years

- The place is St. Louis, MO
- The date, Wednesday, May 24, 1922
- The meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association
- Dr. Edward H. Cary, of Dallas, Texas, requests the floor and presents the following resolution prepared by the Woman's Auxiliary to the State Medical Association of Texas, of which Mrs. Samuel Clark Red of Houston is president:



Palm House at the Missouri Botanical Gardens

Resolution Establishing a Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association

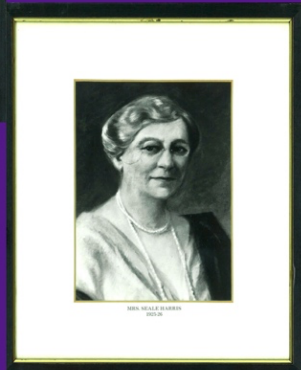
The Woman's Auxiliary to the State Medical Association of Texas respectfully requests the approval of the American Medical Association to organize a Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, the object of which shall be, "To extend the aims of the medical profession through the wives of doctors to the various women's organizations which look to the advancement in health and education, to assist in entertaining at all medical conventions and to promote acquaintanceship among doctors' families so that closer fellowship may exist."

*** The AMAA was formed only 2 years after women had the right to vote.**

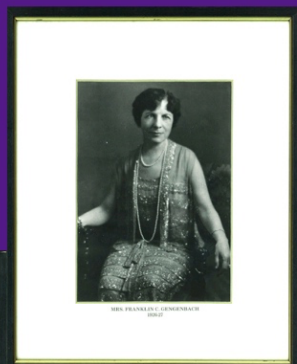
Past National Presidents The 1920's



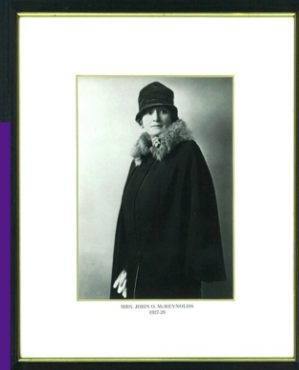
1922-25
Mrs. Samuel Clark Red



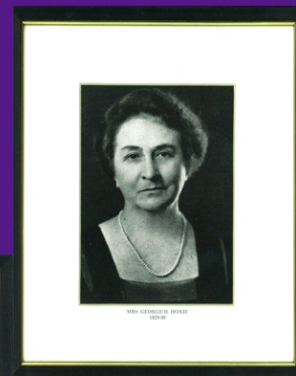
1925-26
Mrs. Seale Harris



1926-27
Mrs. Franklin C. Gengenbach



1927-28
Mrs. John O. McReynolds



1928-29
Mrs. George H. Hoxie

1928 WAAMA Program Booklet

